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Nobody is perfect.

We all make mistakes.
We say wrong things,
we do wrong things,
we fall, we get up,
we learn, we grow,
we move on, we
live and we thank
God for always giving
us another chance.

Amen!



On Saturday 28th June the parish had its first, and very successful, day of Contemplation.



Click the **QR code** to get a flavor of the day. We intend to have another day on Saturday 20th September.

Parish Charity for July – Make Your Mark

This week we began supporting a local charity **Make Your Mark**, a charity that raises funds to support the cancer program at the Mercy hospital, Cork.

A promotion video for the charity was compiled for the parish and this can be viewed by clicking on the QR code.

Again we are confident that our members will respond positively to our appeal in support of this charity. Our funds raised so far is €713. A lot of this is from the sale of books.



Some thoughts from books on sale at church entrance:

1. If we really care about someone, we do something that shows it. Anything else is talk.
2. The real question may simply be, Why is loving more difficult than hating? Or is it?
3. When we allow technology to smother the values that nourish the human spirit, we have given over our souls to soullessness. We become efficient robots rather than reflective human beings.
4. The Good Samaritan was moved with compassion: Are we ever **"Moved with compassion"** today?

Money from the sale of books goes towards our monthly charity – **Make your Mark on Cancer**

SMA Mass Office

We now stock a large range of books, christening candles, rosary beads and grave ornaments.

EVENING MASS DURING THE SUMMER

During the summer months, due to the shortage of priests, it will not be possible to have mass each evening.

Until further notice evening Mass (5.35 pm) will only be available on Wed and Fri.

On the other evenings rosary will be recited at the usual times and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be available until 6.30pm.

SUNDAY'S GOSPEL –A famous parable:

Our prayer, our worship, our fasting are of little value to God if we have ignored those of God's children who suffer on the margins of our societies. We are Christians who follow the message of Jesus, not because we say "Lord, Lord" ... it is our compassion that we imitate God who is compassion.

What we are doing for Gaza, Sudan, Focus Ireland, and Cancer support are testimonies that we do care for the sufferings of people on the margins of society.

We are so familiar with the phrase "Good Samaritan" that this parable has almost lost its punch. The Samaritan was considered an enemy in Jesus' time. How might this story be told today? When has an "enemy" helped you?

Supporting Sudan:

United Nations agencies have warned that famine and disease threaten to cause "countless" deaths in war-torn Sudan unless emergency action is taken.

The Crisis in Numbers:

+ Almost 25 million people, or 50% of the population, are experiencing acute hunger and are in need of humanitarian assistance.

+ Famine conditions have been declared in one area of North Darfur, and across the country around 755,000 people are at immediate risk of famine.

+ 80% of health facilities are out of service and only 2% of the population have access to adequate health care.

We pray for the people of Sudan that they will soon be able to receive the much needed assistance denied to them.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory with salvation for your people:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy..... **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us;

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**



OPENING PRAYER

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. Through our Lord.....

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 30:10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach.

It is not in heaven, so that you need to



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Everyone is my neighbour; everyone is a brother and sister in Christ. And that makes a change in how we treat each other. Or does it? 13th July 2025

wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 68

R. Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

1. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R)**
2. As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up. I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **(R)**
3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God - seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. **(R)**
4. For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell there. **(R)**

SECOND READING Colossians 1:15-20

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians.

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers—all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every



way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross. *The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord. I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!



GOSPEL Luke 10: 25-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus. 'Do this and life is yours.' But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

All bow for following three lines:

and by the Holy Spirit

was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. **Amen**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow. Through Christ our Lord.

